(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Cooperation agreement has been signed between Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) on 17th February, 1995. Under the terms of the agreement, the information on projects and procurement of goods and services financed by EBRD Would be accessible to Exim Bank, which in turn would be made available to Indian companies to enable increased participation in winning contracts for which payment risk does not exist. Opportunities for co-financing of projects by Exim Bank will also be available under this agreement.

(c) and (d) This agreement will benefit Indian companies to increase their participation in EBRD funded projects and procurement of goods and services as well as co-financing by Exim Bank.

**Import of Newsprint**

885. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what is he value and weight of Newsprint imported from foreign countries during the period 1-10-94 to 31-1-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Disaggregated data of imports are available only upto December 1994. The value and weight of newsprint imported from foreign countries during the period 1-10-94 to 31-12-94 are as follows:

| Weight (in Tonnes) | Value (in Rupees Lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 63,875 | 10(479 |

**Import and Export of items during 1993-94**

886. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be peasled to state:

(a) what is the total value and items of the imports made during the year 1993-94, country-wise details thereof; and

(b) what is the total value and items of the exports made during the said period, country-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The details of imports and exports made during the years are available in the publications 'Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India' (Annual number for 1993-94) Volume II—Imports and Volume I—Exports and Re-Exports, published by DGCI&S, Calcutta, Copies of these publications are available in the Parliament Library.

**Export of Books, Newspapers and Management Library**

887. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the value of export of books, newspapers and magazines etc. language-wise during the year 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBMARAM):

The value of export of books, news papers and magazines etc. during the year 1993—94 was of the order of Rs. 70.00 crores details of which are given below:

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| (1) Books & Pamphlets Printed . . . . . | Rs. 42.25 creres |
| (2) Newspaper & Periodicals . . . . . | Rs. 16.00 crores |
| (3) Job Printing . . . . . | Rs. 11.75 crores |